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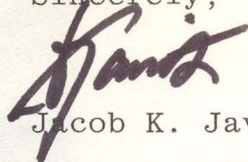
Dear Mr. Nuristani:

I have received your recent letter and am hopeful that I can be of assistance to you.

An inquiry to the appropriate agency has been initiated on your behalf. As you know, adequate inquiries may take time but please be assured that I will contact you as soon as I receive a response from the agency.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



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September 23, 1980

Mr. Khalilullah Nuristani
29 Claremont Avenue
New York, New York 10027


Dear Mr. Nuristani:

Enclosed please find the final
agency reply in response to my inquiry on your
behalf.

I appreciate having the opportunity
to be of assistance to you and hope that the
information contained in this report is help-
ful. Please feel free to contact me again, if
I can be of any further assistance.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



Jacob K. Javits, U.S.S.

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Enclosure

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July 1, 1980

Mr. Khalilullah Nuristani
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Dear Mr. Nuristani:

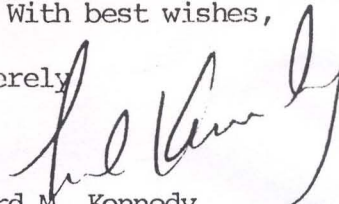
Thank you for your letter concerning the current situation in Afghanistan. The United States and the world have witnessed a cruel act of naked and massive Soviet aggression against this proud nation. I strongly condemn this wanton act and believe the Soviet invasion must be met with a firm and effective response that makes clear the costs of such aggression.

The Soviets must be made to realize that aggression carries an unacceptable price in international diplomacy--that they cannot continue their occupation of Afghanistan without severe detriment to their relations with other nations. I support the decision to restrict the trade of certain strategic goods and high technology items. In addition, I feel that the United States must reinforce its political, economic, and military position in Southwest Asia. Through a combination of punitive measures and positive inducements, the Soviets can come to appreciate the fact that their continued occupation of Afghanistan is both unacceptable and undesirable.

At the same time, it would be a tragic error if we were to focus solely on military and security issues when there is an equally compelling human crisis--and one that not only poses grave humanitarian problems, but also threatens the area's political and economic stability. It is for this reason that I drafted legislation appropriating emergency relief funds to be used to aid the hundreds of thousands of Afghan refugees streaming into neighboring Pakistan. The Senate incorporated my proposal into the International Security and Development Cooperation Act of 1980, which it passed on June 17. The United States can not and will not stand idle in the face of this wave of human tragedy.

Once again, thank you for your letter. With best wishes,

Sincerely,



Edward M. Kennedy

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CITY OF NEW YORK

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RECEIVED FROM KHALILULAH, NURISTANI JULY 12TH 1979Address 29 CLAREMONT AVENUE (STREET) NYC (BORO) (ZONE) (STATE)The Sum of FIVE DOLLARS (BORO) (ZONE) (STATE)For SOUND PERMIT #32 ISIAH WALL 43d ST-1st AVE (BORO) (ZONE) (STATE)Check ☐Money Order ☐

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Terrence Geil-Lieut-Opns/100 (Signature)

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1. The permittee agrees to assume all responsibility for injury to persons or damage to private and/or City property through the operation of this permit and to save and hold harmless the City of New York and the Department of Parks from all claims and suits which arise therefrom.
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Joseph J. Rans
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John P. Gallagher
Lieut. John P. Gallagher - Ops Coordinator (Signature)
for Commanding Officer

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Afghan Association of Freedom Fighters U.S.A.

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NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10022

Press Release

The AFGHAN ASSOCIATION OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS U.S.A., with the support of other Afghan communities in Washington, D.C. and throughout the United States, strongly protest and condemn the series of fraudulent and illegal activities that have been taken by a malicious liar who shamelessly calls himself "King" Hassan Durani. This alleged "King" has never been in Afghanistan, either recently or in the past. He is a man who has never been an Afghan citizen, a man who does not speak any language of Afghanistan, a man whose name has never been known, or even heard, by the people of Afghanistan. This alleged "king" has appeared out of no where and claims that he is the illegitimate son of the late King Amanullah Khan and a British woman. Whether his claim of being the son of the late King Amanullah Khan is fact or fiction has no particular significance or meaning to Afghan people or the Afghan cause since there are already numerous wandering Afghan princes around the world.

Mr. Hassan's self-giving title of "King" Hassan I is ridiculous, a disgrace, and constitutes a great insult to a nation wherein its people, at this very moment, are fighting against Godless and ruthless Soviet invaders and their Afghan puppets for the preservation of their dignity, pride, faith, and restoration of freedom. In this struggle, our people have already given--and continue to give--their lives, their homes, and their blood.

Mr. Hassan's claim of being "king" is not geared toward imaginary acquisition of power in the future of Afghanistan; but, instead, it is meant to give him a fancy royal image under which he and his associates, with the support of very few misinformed and ill-advised Afghans in New York, can conspire to raise funds for themselves in the name of the Afghan refugees and freedom fighters.

To achieve their goal, they have misinformed the greatest champion of Boxing, Honorable Mohammed Ali. This act signifies disrespect for Mr. Ali, a man whose honesty, integrity, and love for Islam and its people all around the world, is so very well known.

We demand that Mr. Hassan immediately denounce this phony title of kingship.

We demand that the Honorable Mohammed Ali personally supervise the proceed of this fund-raising affair in order to insure that all funds be delivered directly to refugees and freedom fighters in neighboring Pakistan.

April 22, 1980

This is my last statement before leaving New York for California. I have been here for fourteen months, representing the Independent people of Nuristan and struggling to bring the attention of the world to the freedom fight in Afghanistan. I have made many friends here and met many Americans sympathetic to the Afghan cause. Also, I have seen the American press slowly realize that Afghanistan will never give up their war for freedom despite the overwhelming superiority of Russian arms. When the Soviets first invaded my homeland, the U.S. press was unanimous in saying that Afghan resistance would soon crumble. But the freedom fighters, using their ancient weapons and risking their lives against tanks and jets, have fought on and even pushed the Russians back. The Soviets, with all their enormous might, with their military power which makes America tremble, are being fought to a standstill by one of the most backward nations in the world. This is a great tribute to the power of human faith and to the love of freedom which inspires the Afghan mujahadeen. And so now I see the American press and television praising Afghanistan, and laughing at the Russian defeats.

But praising Afghan freedom fighters and marveling at their courage is not helpful. I have been very disappointed in my work here. The press and the public do not seem to understand that the fight in Afghanistan is a fight which vitally effects the welfare of the whole free world. Instead, it seems that America is merely pleased to see Russia embarrassed, just as America was embarrassed in Vietnam. Americans do not remember that the Soviets aided North Vietnam with weapons and advisors,

while America is aiding Afghanistan with ineffective boycotts, symbolic acts such as withdrawal from the Olympics, and empty praise. In fact, it seems as if even these weak acts are too much for the American public to bear, as witness the complaining about the boycott and the outcry over withdrawal from the Olympics. Perhaps the television here should balance pictures of Olympic runners with pictures of helpless Afghan villagers running in terror from napalm bombs, or pictures of high jumpers with pictures of Afghans being blown to bits by strafing jets.

Many Americans feel that North Vietnam's war was a just one against U.S. Imperialism. If this is the case, how much more just is Afghanistan's war with Russia! At least in Vietnam America had the support of many Vietnamese, while in Afghanistan 99% of the population are unalterably opposed to the Soviets. There has been no more blatant invasion and violence done to national integrity since the Nazis invaded Czechoslovakia. And yet the United States, like England before World War II, seems content to close its eyes, smugly certain that "this has nothing to do with us." Is it not right that America should fight against Russian expansionist dreams? Is it not right that America, champion of the free world, should not help in a struggle which all the free world has called just? Is it fear of the Russians which keeps America silent against the unjust, illegal and monstereously genocidal attacks of the Russian behemoth?

We do not ask for American blood. Our own men are willing to die for their freedom. We want aid. Not food and money to

to keep our refugees helpless in Pakistan, but weapons so they can reoccupy their farms and villages. Afghans do not want to become beggars, dependent on charity of the wealthy. We want our own freedom and our own homes. Let America aid us as Russia has aided others in causes which are not so just as ours, and the world will see what Afghans can do. 350,000 Afghans have died already, and hundreds of villages have been obliterated, but our resistance will never cease. This crime against humanity cannot be simply ignored, or bought off by a paltry million dollars here and there of refugee aid to salve the consciences of the free world. We must have substantial aid, and substantial weapons.

If the free world comes to its senses and gives the freedom fighters the support they must have, then this war need not be a long one. Afghan men and women are presently fighting and dying with little more than a hope for gaining freedom. But with decent weaponry it would not be long before the fighters would organize themselves on a larger scale and authentic (rather than Western sponsored puppet) leadership would arise. The Russians are not willing to fight a war which will be so costly to them. Furthermore, the Afghans are willing to renew their friendship with Russia, if the Soviets will withdraw and make reparations for the damage they have done us. The Soviets are not fighting for their home and freedom. They have entered into an expansionist venture without fully realizing the consequences. Perhaps they were misled as to the strength of their party in Afghanistan. If they meet strong resistance, coupled with an offer of future friendship with an independent Afghanistan, they will withdraw.

Thus, there must be a two-pronged program for Afghan victory. The free world must aid Afghanistan with advanced weaponry, but, at the same time, the free world must not attempt to impose leadership upon the freedom fighters. Presently, there is a strong tendency for the United States to focus aid and attention on elite elements from Afghanistan who have thoroughly discredited themselves in the eyes of the people. The royal family, who kept Afghanistan in backwardness for one hundred years, are a favorite of the American press and foreign service. This support is an insult to the freedom fighters. Other Afghans, who have gained wealth and education through supporting the royal family, now claim to be starting a government in exile to represent free Afghanistan at the UN. Who has given them the right to speak for the Afghan people? The representatives of Afghanistan must be chosen by the people themselves, not imposed externally. This is absolutely necessary if Afghanistan is to gain her independence.

The call now is for the loy jirga, or big counsel. But this counsel met many times previously and accomplished nothing. The small local leaders who make up the jirga are easily bought off by the wealth of the elite. Rather, there must be a federal system, like that of West Germany, in which there is regional autonomy overseen by a central hierarchy. Afghanistan is made up of many ethnic groups and tribes, and each must seek its own destiny and elect its own leadership, and only then meet on the national level. Democracy starts locally, and proceeds upward. Following the reverse process leads to an oligarchy, not a democracy.

There are already five popular leaders among the refugee groups, and other popular leaders arising everywhere among the fighters in Afghanistan. The U.S. should support all these leaders so long as they carry the fight to the Russians. It should not support expatriate groups of elite and discredited royalists. It is particularly important that the U.S. show support for all those who are fighting, and not try to force any group to follow a pre-selected leader. Leadership will arise out of popular support. Afghans are traditionally democrats, and will not allow their government to be chosen by any outsiders, even those with the best intentions. America must not let its fetish for concentrating on one leader to disrupt the rise of popular democracy in Afghanistan. This is my final plea to the American people.

As many of you know, I was one of the first to denounce the Soviet puppets. In Germany, in 1978, I published over 15 articles opposing the Afghan regime, and my family was subsequently subjected to torture. On October 4, my Nuristani countrymen freed their region from the Russians, and have kept it free ever since. These freedom fighters, my brothers, entrusted me with the task of carrying their message to the free world. I have tried my best, but have been hampered by a lack of money. All of my family savings was stolen from me in Hamburg in September of 1978. Soon after, I came to New York, where I participated in more than 50 demonstrations, wrote hundreds of letters to congressmen and senators, and tried (with little success) to publish articles in the U.S. press about the plight of my people.

Simply supporting myself has been a struggle, and I have also been handicapped by my poor English, so that I have to ask American friends to help translate my writing. Furthermore, I oppose elite interests, and so have been unable to make use of connections in Washington and elsewhere which the elite, with their money and Western educations, have been able to utilize. Because of my outspoken support of Afghan freedom and democracy, I have been severely beaten and put in the hospital.

American disinterest, my own lack of funds, my lack of knowledge of English, my isolation from the American power structure; all these difficulties force me, with regret, to leave New York for the time being. I would like to thank those many people who have shown such kindness and generosity to me. I would especially like to thank Professor John Monday and his wife for providing me with free housing during my stay here. Their hospitality can never be repaid. I would also like to thank Professor Charles Lindholm for his help with my writing, and Janice Gardener for her free English lessons. For my thousands of friends, you have made New York like my own village. I am very unhappy to leave you all.

Khalilullah Nuristani